

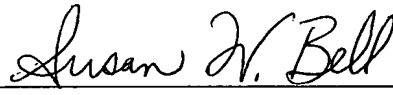
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 2, 3 and 5 remain in this application for consideration. Claim 5 has been amended, and claims 1, 4 and 6-9 have been canceled.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and eventual issuance. Such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further questions or comments which need be addressed in order to obtain allowance, please contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Acknowledgement of receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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